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I. WEEKLY SUMMARY

CONGRESSIONAL SCHEDULE

After a month-long recess, the Senate returns today and the House returns on Wednesday of this week. Only the Senate has scheduled activities of interest to readers of *INSIGHTS*.

Senate

Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations – The Senate is scheduled to vote on *S. 2708* sometime this week.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES/VOTES

Comprehensive Energy Legislation During the August recess, conference committee staff continued to flush out differences between *H.R. 4* and *S. 517*. Progress has reportedly been made on Tier “II” issues, which are not as controversial as the “Tier I” issues. Tier I includes Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards, an ethanol mandate, climate change, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge drilling, among other provisions. Staff is scheduled to continue to negotiate differences through this week and conferees are expected to begin meeting again on September 9 with a target completion date of September 23.

Defense Authorization – House and Senate conferees will begin meeting this week on *H.R. 4546* and *S. 2514*. The bill authorizes funding for military construction projects

Defense Appropriations *H.R. 5010* (no Senate bill number) has cleared the House and Senate (*S. Rpt. 106-213*); the House is scheduled to vote this week on sending the bill to conference.

Military Construction *H.R. 5011* and *S. 2709* has cleared the House and Senate; the House is scheduled to vote this week on sending the bill to conference.

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II. COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

HOUSE

No new information of interest to report

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SENATE

No new information of interest to report

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III. FY 2003 APPROPRIATIONS CHART

(In Billions)

HOUSE

SENATE

Jurisdiction/ FY 2003 Budget Request	302(b) Allocations / Approved Funding Level	Bill No.	Full Cmte.	Floor	Conf.	302(b) Allocations/ Approved Funding Level	Bill No.	Full Cmte.	Floor	Conf.
Agriculture \$17.051	\$ 17.601	HR 5263	7/11	7/26		\$ 17.980	S 2801	7/25		
Commerce \$ 40.333	\$ 40.726	-	7/18			\$ 43.475	S 2778	7/18		
Defense \$356.598	\$354.7	HR 5010	6/24	6/27	Pending	\$ 355.1	-	7/18	8/1	Pending
Energy and Water Development \$25.149	\$ 26.027	-				\$ 26.300	S 2784	7/24		
Interior \$18.953	\$ 19.8	HR 5093	7/9	7/17		\$ 19.35	S. 2708	6/27	Week of 9/3	
Labor / HHS \$129.902	\$129.902	-				\$133.988	S 2766	7/18		
Military Construction \$ 9.541	\$ 10.083	HR 5011	6/24	6/27	Pending	\$ 10.622	S 2709	6/27	7/18	Pending
Transportation \$ 19.851	\$ 19.411	-				\$ 21.1	S 2808	7/25		
Treasury \$ 17.960	\$ 18.501	HR 5120	7/9	7/24		\$ 18.501	S 2740	7/16		
VA/HUD \$ 92.518	\$ 91.841	-				\$ 91.434	S 2797	7/25		
Total 302(b) Allocations/ FY 2003 Budget Request \$748.141										

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IV. NEW LEGISLATION

(Note: Once a new bill is introduced, the Government Printing Office generally requires from several days to one week to make the bill available in print)

HOUSE

No new bills interest to report.

SENATE

No new bills interest to report.

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V. ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVES

No new information of interest to report.

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VI. HEARINGS SCHEDULE

HOUSE – COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

No new activities of interest to report.

HOUSE – AUTHORIZATIONS/OVERSIGHT

No new activities of interest to report.

SENATE – COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Date/Committee	Chair	Hearing Title/Issues	Witnesses	Time/Location
<i>Week of September 3 (NEW)</i>	N/A	<i>Floor Vote: S. 2708 – FY 2003 Appropriations for Interior and Related Agencies</i>	N/A	Time: TBA U.S. Capitol – Senate Chamber

SENATE – AUTHORIZATIONS/OVERSIGHT

No new activities of interest to report.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE NEGOTIATIONS/FLOOR VOTES

Date/Committee	Bill	Time/Location
Thursday, September 5	<i>Conference Negotiations (Authorization)</i> - H.R.4546, Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy	3 p.m. Room HC-8 Capitol
Wednesday, September 11	<i>Conference Negotiations (Authorization)</i> - H.R.4546, Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy	1:30 p.m. Room S-211 Capitol
Wednesday, September 11	<i>Conference Negotiations (Authorization)</i> - H.R.4546, Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy	4 p.m. Room 345 Cannon Office Building
Thursday, September 12	<i>Conference Negotiations (Authorization)</i> - H.R.4546, Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy	3 p.m. Room HC-8 Capitol
Friday, September 13	<i>Conference Negotiations (Authorization)</i> - H.R.4546, Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy	9:30 a.m. Room S-207 Capitol

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